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ACS/INTELLIGENCE, USAF SUGGESTED CHANGES

TO USIB COMMENTS ON [REDACTED]

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"COMMUNIST CHINESE AIR CAPABILITY AGAINST INDIA"

17 DECEMBER 1962

Page 8, paragraph 19.

We do not believe that China's ability to wage an air campaign against India would be seriously handicapped by the need to maintain her present air posture and deployment. *[We believe that a principal Chinese objective is*

*to maintain the current air moratorium as long as possible.] We agree*

Further, we estimate that China is unlikely to would initiate tactical

*OK* air operations, except in retaliation <sup>only</sup> if Chinese leaders considered it  
*necess for achieve their objectives,*  
militarily expedient. In addition, the Chinese might initiate tactical

air operations if they suffered major military reverses. We estimate that

*?* China is unlikely to undertake air attacks deep into India unless <sup>in retaliation or</sup> their  
military objectives materially change from what we now consider them to be.  
*in the event that*

Page 10, paragraph a.

Delete the third sentence, which reads:

*OK* With a 4,400 pound bomb load [REDACTED] believes that the combat radius would be 490 nautical miles.

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Page 7, paragraph 14:

We do not agree with the number of sorties listed for the alternate operations listed in paragraph 23. [REDACTED] (paragraphs 21 and 22) as a basis for the sortie computation. This does not support paragraph 23(a)(b)(c) and (d). We believe that paragraph 23, item (a) requires about 85 short tons per day, item (b) requires about 104 short tons per day, item (c) requires about 67 short tons per day, and item (d) requires about 18 short tons per day. Moreover, [REDACTED] believes that based on a 60 short ton per day logistics supply, the Chinese Communists could support the following alternate operations:

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- (a) 6 jet light bomber sorties at 3 short tons per flying hour, or
- (b) 16 piston light bomber sorties at 1 short ton per flying hour, or
- (c) 28-31 jet fighter sorties at 1½ short tons per flying hour, or
- (d) 32-37 jet ground support sorties at 2 short tons per flying hour.

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